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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 11, 2005 in connection with the above referenced patent application.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Davis for the courtesy afforded Applicants' undersigned attorney in a telephone conference on May 25, 2005, in which the present final rejection was discussed. This response is submitted pursuant to that conversation. Remarks begin on page 2.